



John Adams Middle School

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Welcome back to John Adams Middle School!

We hope families are enjoying the summer and finding time to rest, relax, and have fun together. Summer has been a busy time at John Adams, with staff preparing for the new school year, which begins on **Thursday, August 21, 2025**.

We look forward to an exciting and productive year! As a school community, our focus continues to be the development of the whole child. As most of you know, our core values are **kindness, connectedness, and compassion**. Forging positive relationships between the school and our community is critical for this work. We welcome and encourage family involvement. Our children benefit when school staff and families form strong partnerships and work together on their behalf.

This year, we are deepening our commitment to supporting students socially, emotionally, and behaviorally through **PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)**, **Restorative Practices**, and the continued implementation of **schoolwide Social Emotional Learning (SEL)**. These frameworks work together to build a safe, inclusive environment where all students can thrive academically and personally. By reinforcing positive behaviors, restoring relationships when harm occurs, and teaching core SEL skills, we are nurturing a community grounded in empathy, accountability, and belonging.

We will have our traditional **Pick Up Your Stuff Day** on **Thursday, August 14th**. We will hold two sessions from **9:00–11:00 a.m.** and **2:00–4:00 p.m.** This will be an opportunity for students and families to see their fall schedule, pick up PE clothes, donate to the Ed Foundation and PTSA, and reconnect with old friends. We will also hold a **6th Grade Orientation for parents from 5–6:30 p.m.**

Please make note of these important dates:

- August 14-15: 6th Grade Science Camp
- August 14: Pick Up Your Stuff Day
- August 21st (Thursday): First day of school
- August 22nd (Friday): Family Picnic on the front lawn from 4-6 pm
- AM classes will begin Monday, August 25th

We are looking forward to an outstanding school year. We are all fortunate to be part of such a uniquely diverse learning community. So let's all work together to build a kind, compassionate and connected school, providing an exceptional educational experience for all of our students and families. If you have questions, contact Angelica Malone at JAMS at ext. 72-202.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chacon

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